

**The Center for Research on Vermont  
and the National Weather Service  
present**

**“The Great Flood of 1927: A Commemoration”**

**with Samuel B. Hand, Emeritus, History, University of Vermont**

**Gregory Hanson, National Weather Service**

**Paul Sisson, National Weather Service**

**Richard Sweterlitsch, Oral Historian, University of Vermont**

**Arthur Woolf, Economics, University of Vermont**

**Moderated by Paul Eschholz, Center for Research on Vermont**

**Sunday, November 3, 2002  
3:00 to 5:30 P.M.**

**Memorial Lounge, Waterman Building  
University of Vermont**



The flood of November 3–4, 1927, stands as the greatest disaster in Vermont history. Devastation occurred throughout the state, with 1,285 bridges lost as well as countless numbers of homes and buildings destroyed and hundreds of miles of roads and railroad tracks washed out. Property losses were estimated at \$30 million—a staggering sum in those days.

Even worse, the flood waters claimed eighty-four lives, including that of then Vermont Lt. Gov. S. Hollister Jackson. Few towns escaped the rampaging flood waters that swept through Vermont seventy-five years ago, but the hardest hit area was most likely the Winooski Valley, where the majority of the population lived.

On November 3, the University of Vermont’s Center for Research on Vermont and the National Weather Service invite you to come to a program about the Great Flood of 1927 seventy-five years after the event. Speakers will address the immediate repercussions and long-term implications of this watershed in Vermont’s history. An exhibit, “‘Ye Gods, How It Came Down!’: Images of the Flood of 1927 in Vermont,” will be on display, courtesy of the University of Vermont Libraries Special Collections Department. The program sponsors encourage audience members to bring memories and stories of the Great Flood of 1927 to share.

Parking is available behind the Waterman Building. Please enter through the College Street door. For information, call the Center at 802/656-4389 or email <[crv@uvm.edu](mailto:crv@uvm.edu)> or visit the Center’s Web site at <[www.uvm.edu/~crvt](http://www.uvm.edu/~crvt)>. For information about the 1927 flood, visit the National Weather Service Web site at <[www.erh.noaa.gov/er/btv](http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/btv)>.

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